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MEXICAN NATIONAL PLED GUILTY TO DEATH OF 16 YEAR-OLD ILLEGAL ALIEN

TUCSON, Ariz. -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on April 23, 2004, Geovanny Rubio-Anaya a.k.a. Juan Manuel Quintana-Lugo, D.O.B. 1/12/76, a Mexican National, pled guilty to Transportation of an Illegal Alien (resulting in death) and Conspiracy to Transport Illegal Aliens, both felonies, in federal district court in Tucson.

Rubio-Anaya, had been charged with various counts involving alien smuggling in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324. On August 7, 2003, federal law enforcement agents observed numerous suspected undocumented aliens loading into the bed of a parked truck near the village of Queenswell outside of Sells, Ariz. The agents pulled up in front of the truck in which Rubio-Anaya was the driver. When the agents identified themselves as law enforcement agents, Rubio-Anaya backed up and then went forward fleeing from the scene. In doing so, a 16 year-old female undocumented alien in the bed of the truck fell out of the truck and was run over by Rubio-Anaya. The girl was caught under the moving vehicle and was killed instantly. After crashing into another truck, Rubio-Anaya attempted to flee the scene,

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but was apprehended by federal agents. Rubio-Anaya told agents that he intended to pick up the group of undocumented aliens and take them to Phoenix where he would be paid per illegal alien.

A conviction for transportation of an illegal alien resulting in death carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine or both. A conviction for conspiracy to transport illegal aliens carries a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment, or a \$250,000 fine or both.

Sentencing is set before the Honorable Judge Raner C. Collins on July 6, 2004.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Tohono O'Odham Police Department.

The prosecution is being handled by Raquel Arellano, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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